Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think they are in service.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Is not K. R. Kesavan in the Fishery Department?

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Mr. Kesavan is in the Education Department.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know whether the present incumbent has any experience of office work?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He has 18 years' service. He was the Head clerk of the Office of the Protector of Depressed Classes before he was appointed as Labour Inspector.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether it was made on the recommendation of the Protector of Depressed Classes?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think he was consulted.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—The question was not, was he consulted, but 'was this appointment recommended by the Protector of the Depressed Classes ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran—I think he was the candidate whom the Protector recommended.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether anybody else was recommended ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Is this Perumannan a depressed class?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I don't think Perumannan is a depressed class. I think he is a backward class.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—And Kanakkan?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Same.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is he in any way related to the Protector?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government have no information at all.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—We will ask a supplementary question next time.

Assessment on the area under rubber cultivation.

94. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total area given to the various people for rubber plantation in the State ;

(b) of this how much is already planted ;

(c) what is the total annual assessment for the whole area;

(d) the total remission given ?

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Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—(a) 10,192·45 acres.
(b) 10,192·45 acres.
(c) Rs. 1,9381—1—0.
(d) Rs. 9,289—6—1.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there any special reason for giving this remission to the planters alone?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Planters made representations to Government to the effect that the assessment due on their estates may be reduced in view of the great difficulties which their estates are experiencing and the Government took into consideration their representations that rubber estates were working at no profit but at some loss. Therefore Government considered the question and granted their request. Similar requests have not been received from others.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were there requests from paddy cultivators, since the price of paddy has gone down to have any remission?

Deputy President.—The leader of the House is competent to answer that.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—In the case of rubbur estates, they were working at a loss. It is not so in the case of *nilams*. The amount that would be realised by the sale of rubber will not even be sufficient to meet the cost of production. There was no such difficulty in the case of paddy lands. There was only a reduction in the price of paddy. It is not a case where the paddy realised is not sufficient to meet the expenditure. But in the case of rubber cultivation the amount realised by the sale of rubber was not sufficient to meet the cost of production. That makes all the difference.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Then why did they produce rubber?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—They did not know at the time that the price would be reduced.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Following that analogy, the price of paddy has gone down. Is the Government prepared to reduce the revenue by 50 per cent?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—In the other case it is not sufficient to meet the expenditure. That is not so in the case of paddy.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Is the proposition true in the case of kole cultivation?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—So far as my information goes, it is correct.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—The recent assessment of forest exclusions is at Rs. 2—8—0. Have the Government considered

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whether the produce is sufficient to meet the cost of cultivation?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I want notice.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—In giving this remission is it not the duty of the Government to consider the solvency, the financial strength of the estates before a remission is made?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—All things that are necessary to be considered in matters like this have been considered.

Revenue paid by the several Communities in the State.

95. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the total population of (1) caste-Hindus showing the sub-divisions separately (2) other non-caste Hindus (showing the sub-divisions) (3) Christians (4) Muhammadans (5) Jews ;

(b) the total amount of Land Revenue paid by each of the above communities annually to the Government (showing the amounts paid by the various sub-sections also separately) ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) A copy of Imperial Table XVII showing the caste-war population in the State is appended. (*Appendix III.*)

(b)

	Community.	*Land Revenue.* Rs.	As.	Ps.
1	Nambudiri Brahmins	2,26,187	2	8
2	Tamil Brahmins	66,374	0	0
3	Kshatriyas	37,669	14	4
4	Ambalavasis	40,861	12	9
5	Nayars	2,51,107	11	8
6	Vaisyas	1,60	9	5
7	Ezhuvas	61,203	3	5
8	Pulayas	70	3	1
9	Christians	1,59,892	13	6
10	Muhammadans	52,942	5	9
11	Jews	2,907	3	0

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Does not the term 'Nayars' include sub-section also?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There are sub-sections among Nayars.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—May I know what all sub-sections the term 'Nayars' includes as mentioned in Appendix III? The population is given on the basis of the sub-section. May I know the sub-sections which are taken in by the word 'Nayars'?

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